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THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held in the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 18th November, 1901. The president, Mr. T. S. Hall, M.A., occupied the chair, and about 50 members and visitors were present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mrs. Tate, of Adelaide, thanking the Club for its letter of condolence on the death of her husband, Professor Ralph Tate, F.G.S.

REPORTS.

A short report of the Club's excursion to Beaumaris on Saturday, 26th October, was given by Mr. O. A. Sayce, who stated that the afternoon was devoted to the examination of rocks, &c., dredged from a small reef off Beaumaris, among which a number of crustaceans, &c., were found, but nothing of particular importance. Mr. C. French, jun., reported that during the same afternoon about 40 species of plants were collected about Beaumaris, among which were *Veronica gracilis*, *Patersonia glauca*, *Melaleuca ericifolia*, *Triglochin procera*, *Comesperma calymega*, *Pultenea paleacea*, and *Pterostylis barbata*.

An interesting report of the "camp-out" at Gembrook, from 8th to 11th November, was read by Mr. D. Le Souëf, C.M.Z.S., who stated that some 18 members and friends took part, most branches of natural history being represented, and a most enjoyable as well as profitable time was spent during the four days' camp. Thanks to the exertions of Mr. A. Mattingley, one of the leaders, who supplied most of the camping outfit, and the many acts of kindness and assistance on the part of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Backhouse and family, the success of the trip was assured. Detailed reports of the various objects collected were furnished by some of the members who attended, which showed that full advantage was taken of this opportunity to make themselves acquainted with the fauna and flora of this district.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report Mr. F. G. A. Barnard moved—"That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Backhouse and family for their kindness and assistance to the members during the excursion; and to Mr. A. Mattingley for the use of the tents, &c., and his untiring assistance and concern for the comfort of all throughout the trip." Seconded by Mr. J. A. Kershaw, and carried.